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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for the preparation of meta or para-substituted $\alpha\text{-}$ arylalkanoic acids of formula (I)

$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ I \\ CH-COOR_1 \end{array}$$

(I)

wherein R and $\ensuremath{\text{R}}_1$ are as defined in the disclosure.